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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on April 3, 2003

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☒ Other Postcard, Claim of Extension of Time2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1442i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

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